

**Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture  
Committee Amendment**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1774\***

**House Bill No. 1840**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a special joint committee to study the issues relative to the reporting to the public and the commissioner of commerce and insurance of information concerning disciplinary actions, privilege restrictions, civil judgments, and criminal convictions against physicians.

SECTION 2. The special joint committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House of Representatives and three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the respective speakers.

SECTION 3. In its deliberations, the special joint committee shall consider legislation pending before the One Hundredth General Assembly on the relevant topics, as well as pending legislation and the laws of other states, including but not limited to, Massachusetts.

SECTION 4. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

SECTION 5. All legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

SECTION 6. The special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly; and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

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SECTION 7. The special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than January 15, 1998, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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